

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

AS A BELOW-NAMED INVENTOR, WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: VASCULAR PROSTHESIS, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ Was filed on May 15, 1998 as PCT International Application No. PCT/GB98/01418.

WE HEREBY STATE THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application No.	Country	Date of Filing (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed?
9709967.5	GB	17/05/1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

We hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VORTEX INNOVATION LIMITED

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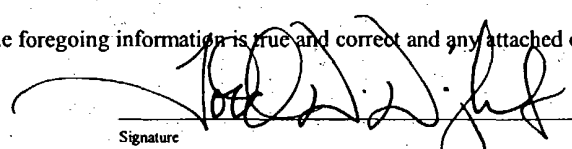
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Schedule A

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, VORTEX INNOVATION LIMITED, a private company registered in England (No. 3297146) having a principal place of business at The Old Hall, Puddington, South Wirral, L64 5SS England has made and/or owns certain new and useful inventions in:

- (1) Vascular Prosthesis and has disclosed the same in an application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, said application having been executed and filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 1996, and having been assigned **Application Serial No. 08/656065** (and issuing as U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,861,026 on January 19, 1999); and
- (2) Vascular Prosthesis and has disclosed the same in an application for Patent of the United Kingdom therefor, said application having been executed and filed with the United Kingdom Patent Office on May 31, 1995, and having been assigned **Application Serial No. 9510967.4**; and
- (3) Vascular Prosthesis and has disclosed the same in an application for Patent of the United Kingdom therefor, said application having been executed and filed with the United Kingdom Patent Office on May 17, 1997, and having been assigned **Application Serial No. 9709967.5**; and
- (4) Vascular Prosthesis and has disclosed the same in a Patent Cooperation Treaty Application therefor, said application having been executed and filed on May 15, 1998, having been assigned **Application Serial No. PCT/GB98/01418**, and claiming priority from UK Patent Application No. 9709967.5; and
- (5) Vascular Prosthesis and has disclosed the same in an application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, said application having been executed and filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 30, 1998, and having been assigned **Application Serial No. 09/183132**, and being a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/656065; and

WHEREAS, IMPRA, INC. a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona, having a place of business at 1625 West Third Street, Tempe, Arizona, 85281 ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in all inventions disclosed in the Applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which Vortex hereby acknowledges and confirms, Vortex does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in and to all said inventions disclosed in the Applications; and in and to the Applications, including all priority rights for other

countries arising from the Applications; and in and to all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof; and in and to all Patents, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions; and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and still further including the right to sue for past damages.

And Vortex does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and the duly constituted authorities of foreign countries to issue any Patents which may be granted on said inventions, on any applications related thereto, and on any substitute, continuing, divisional, or reissue applications, or any of them, to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein and thereto.

And for the consideration aforesaid, Vortex does hereby, for itself and for its legal representatives, further covenant and agree with the Assignee, its successors and assigns, that it has full and unencumbered title to the inventions and Applications above described and hereby assigned, which title it warrants unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns; that it has granted to others no license to make, use, or sell said inventions; and that it will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

And for the consideration aforesaid, Vortex does hereby, for itself and for its legal representatives, further covenant and agree with the Assignee, its successors and assigns, that upon request it will execute substitute, continuing, divisional, or reissue applications, amended specifications, or rightful oaths; communicate to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to it relating to said inventions or the history thereof; execute preliminary statements; testify in any interference or other legal proceedings involving said inventions; execute and deliver any application papers, assignments, or other instruments, and do all other acts which, in the opinion of counsel for the Assignee, may be necessary or convenient to secure the grant of Patents to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, or its nominees, in the United States and in all other countries where the Assignee may desire to have the said inventions, or any of them, patented, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by counsel for the Assignee, and to vest and confirm and complete legal and equitable title to all such inventions, applications, and Patents, and to enable it to record said title, without further consideration than now paid but at the expense of the Assignee, its successors or assigns.

Signed this 11 day of October, 1999.

"Vortex":

Vortex Innovation Limited, a private
company registered in England

By: [Signature]

Name: PETER HARRIS

Title: Managing Director

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF ASSIGNMENT

By Assignment dated October 11, 1999, VORTEX INNOVATION LIMITED did assign to us its rights, title and interest in the following Patent and patent applications:

- 1) U.S. Patent Application No. 08/656,065, now U.S. Patent No. 5,861,026 granted January 19, 1999;
- 2) British Patent Application No. 9510967.4, filed May 31, 1995;
- 3) British Patent Application No. 9709967.5, filed May 17, 1997;
- 4) International Patent Application No. PCT/GB98/01418, filed May 15, 1998; and
- 5) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/183,132;

and we confirm that assignment and proprietorship of the said Patent and patent Applications.

Executed by said
IMPRA, INC.
in accordance with the laws of
its incorporation

BY:

Jan F. Miller
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Dated: February 3, 2000

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